

# **Construction Policy Bulletin**

CPB 06-3 Contract Change Order Memorandum (Form CEM-4903)

References: Construction Manual Section 5-301, "General"

Section 5-307, "Contract Change Order Memorandum"

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## **Background**

A contract change order memorandum and any necessary attachments are prepared to justify, explain and complement the contract change order. The contract change order memorandum minimally states why the change is needed, justifies entitlement under the contract, reports functional concurrence, evaluates financial constraints, justifies time and schedule impacts, and documents other important change order details. The contract change order memorandum is formatted in accordance with Form CEM-4903, "Contract Change Order Memorandum." The memorandum is for interdepartmental use and is not sent to the contractor.

It is important to track contract time and notify the contractor of any contract time extensions, so that the contractor can better schedule the work. Tracking and analysis of cumulative time impacts are critical to avoid and mitigate owner caused delay, work disruption, management dilution, and work acceleration claims due to unresolved time and deferred time contract change orders.

#### **Existing Procedure**

The *Construction Manual*, Section 5-301, "General," and Section 5-307, "Contract Change Order Memorandum," require the inclusion of a completed Form CEM-4903, "Contract Change Order Memorandum," along with any necessary attachments, for each contract change order.

#### **New Procedure**

This new policy supplements the existing procedure by adding more fields for data entry to the Form CEM-4903, "Contract Change Order Memorandum." The new fields allow the reader, at a glance, to determine the contract status regarding time of completion.

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The Form CEM-4903, "Contract Change Order Memorandum," has been updated to include the following new fields:

- Original contract time
- Time adjustment for this change
- Previously approved contract change order time adjustments
- Percentage of time adjusted (including this change)
- Total number of unreconciled deferred time contract change orders on this contract (including this change)

A copy of the updated Form CEM-4903, "Contract Change Order Memorandum," is attached to this construction policy bulletin.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this construction policy bulletin contact Bob Molera, Division of Construction Contract Change Order Engineer at (916) 654-2735.

Attachment

STATE OF CALIFORNIA • DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DATE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER MEMORANDUM CEM-4903 (REV 04/2006) FILE E. A. ТО CO-RTE-PM FROM CCO NO. SUPPLEMENT NO. **CATEGORY CODE** CONTINGENCY BALANCE (Including this change): YES NO INCREASE DECREASE HEADQUARTERS APPROVAL REQUIRED? SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS PROVIDED IS THIS REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE \_ NO YES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS? ORIGINAL TIME ADJUSTMENT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERCENTAGE TIME ADJUSTED TOTAL # OF UNRECONCILED CONTRACT TIME: THIS CHANGE: CCO TIME ADJUSTMENTS: **DEFERRED TIME** (Including this change) CCO's (Including this change)

DAY(S)

%

THIS CHANGE ORDER PROVIDES FOR (Use additional pages as needed):

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CONCURRED BY:		ESTIMATE OF COST
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER/BRIDGE ENGINEER	DATE	THIS REQUEST TOTAL TO DATE
		ITEMS
PROJECT ENGINEER	DATE	FORCE ACCOUNT
		AGREED PRICE
PROJECT MANAGER	DATE	ADJUSTMENT
		TOTAL
FHWA REP.  ENVIRONMENTAL	DATE DATE	FEDERAL PARTICIPATION
		PARTICIPATING PARTICIPATING IN PART NONE
		NON-PARTICIPATING (Maintenance) NON-PARTICIPATING
		NON-FARTIOFATING (Maintenance)   NON-FARTIOFATING
OTHER (SPECIFY)	DATE	FEDERAL SEGREGATION (If more than one funding source or P.I.P. type)
		CCO FUNDED PER CONTRACT CCO FUNDED AS FOLLOWS
	DATE	FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE PERCENT
		FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE PERCENT
HQ OR DISTRICT PRIOR APPROVAL BY	DATE	
RESIDENT ENGINEER SIGNATURE	DATE	<u> </u>

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## **CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER MEMORANDUM**

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